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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Division, OSA-DD/R

SUBJECT : IDEALIST Logistics Support Requirements

1. The present MOD-IRAN program will be completed by 29 April 1963. This includes the conversion of two additional U-2A's to U-2F's. By that date, the project will have three U-2C's and five U-2F's for operational use. Except for the possible IRAN of Article 343 in the first quarter of 1964, all aircraft should remain in uninterrupted use until the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 1965. At that time a new IRAN cycle will begin.

2. With eight operational aircraft in the fleet as of 29 April 63, it is necessary to determine well in advance how they are to be distributed and what their programmed usage will be so that additional planning can be made for their logistic support.

3. At present, it appears there will be insufficient facilities, equipment, aircraft spares, engine spares, camera and ELINT systems, personnel, and funds to support an active operational and training program using all eight aircraft. In addition, the [redacted]

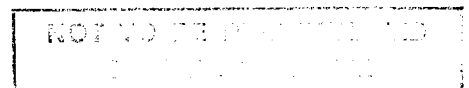
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[redacted] will generate further support requirements which have not been programmed for. All of these factors must be re-examined in the light of an operational concept based on eight aircraft of which at least six will be operationally ready at any given time.

4. An early decision is also required as to whether a second U-2 is to be assigned the [redacted]. This is only one facet of the over all distribution and usage problem mentioned above. However, if a second aircraft is assigned

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the [REDACTED] additional camera and ELINT systems will have to be procured to replace the systems lost with Article 378. These are long lead-time items, so this action must be taken without delay.

5. It is realized that any operational concept which attempts to forecast numbers of detachments, flying hours, missions, and system requirements is subject to many variables, especially in the light of current developments. However, it is requested that the IDEALIST Concept of Operations dated 28 March 1962 be reviewed and that a meeting with key staff elements be held at the earliest possible time to re-program logistic support requirements for FY-63 and FY-64.

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